

**490.842 Standards of conduct for officers.**

1. An officer when performing in such capacity has the duty to act in conformity with all of the following:

a. In good faith.

b. With the care that a person in a like position would reasonably exercise under similar circumstances.

c. In a manner the officer reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation.

2. In discharging the officer's duties an officer, who does not have knowledge that makes reliance unwarranted, is entitled to rely on any of the following:

a. The performance of properly delegated responsibilities by one or more employees of the corporation whom the officer reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in performing the responsibilities delegated.

b. Information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, prepared or presented by one or more employees of the corporation whom the officer reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented.

c. Legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons retained by the corporation as to matters involving skills or expertise the officer reasonably believes are matters within the particular person's professional or expert competence, or as to which the particular person merits confidence.

3. An officer shall not be liable as an officer to the corporation or its shareholders for any decision to take or not to take action, or any failure to take any action, if the duties of the officer are performed in compliance with [this section](#). Whether an officer who does not comply with [this section](#) shall have liability will depend in such instance on applicable law, including those principles of [section 490.831](#) that have relevance.

[89 Acts, ch 288, §95](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1154, §42, 125](#); [2013 Acts, ch 31, §32, 82](#)

Referred to in [§491.16A](#)